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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/813,397

Applicants: Chiyuki NAKAMATA, et al.

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For: COOLED TURBINE COMPONENT AND
COOLED TURBINE BLADE

Group Art Unit: 3745

Examiner: NGUYEN, N.

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Our check in the amount of \$0 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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SIR:

The following comment is in response to the Statement of Reasons for Allowance provided in the Notice of Allowability dated August 10, 2005.

The Statement of Reasons For Allowance included on page 2 of the Notice of Allowability suggests that the claims are allowable because the prior art does not teach or suggest “a partition wall provided on the bottom surface of the outlet side of the film cooling hole extending from the outlet side to the inlet side of the film cooling hole.” However, the Applicants note that independent Claim 4 does not recite such language. Instead, Claim 4 recites “a partition wall which is provided on the outlet side *of a bottom side of a bottom wall* of the film cooling hole, and the wall is extended to the inlet side from the outlet side *of the blade body....*” (Emphasis added for clarity.)

The Applicants submit that the Examiner’s Statement does not accurately reflect the above portions of allowed Claim 4 and the claims that depend therefrom. Accordingly, it is

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respectfully submitted that the Statement of Reasons for Allowance is only applicable to the allowed claims to the degree that is accurately reflects the subject matter recited in the allowed claims, and that the claims are not limited by inaccuracies in the statement.

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